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**Re: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the
Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98**

Dear Mr. Caton:

In accordance with the Commission's rules governing ex parte presentations, please be advised that on Friday, November 22, 1996, Jim Watts, Liz Ham, Michael Zpevak, and the undersigned, representing Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT"), met with Kalpak Gude and Robert Tanner of the Common Carrier Bureau's Policy and Program Planning Division. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss SWBT's actions and activities with respect to providing access to SWBT operational support systems functions.

Written materials, which were used during the presentation, are attached to this letter for inclusion into the official record in this docket. The use of the term "mechanical" in the attached materials should be interpreted to mean non-manual, electronic, or mechanized.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(a)(1), two copies of this letter and the supporting materials are provided for your use. Due to the late hour at which the meeting concluded, we are filing this notification with your office the next official business day. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Todd F. Silbergeld

Attachment

cc: Mr. Gude
Mr. Tanner

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ACCESS TO SOUTHWESTERN BELL OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONS

SWBT OPERATIONS SUPPORT INTERFACES

- SWBT IS MAKING AVAILABLE MULTIPLE MECHANICAL INTERFACE CHOICES TO CLECs FOR ACCESS TO SWBT'S OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONS
- SEVERAL INTERFACES ARE AVAILABLE TODAY
- OTHER INTERFACES WILL BECOME AVAILABLE ON 1-1-97
- ADDITIONAL INTERFACES WILL BE AVAILABLE AS NEGOTIATED

PRE - ORDERING

- **MECHANICAL INTERFACES AVAILABLE TO CLECs FOR BOTH **RESALE AND UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS** TODAY OR BY 1-1-97**
- **PRE - ORDERING FUNCTIONS INCLUDE:**
 - » ADDRESS VERIFICATION
 - » TELEPHONE NUMBER ASSIGNMENT
 - » SERVICE / FEATURE AVAILABILITY
 - » DUE DATE AVAILABILITY (RESALE)
 - » CUSTOMER SERVICE RECORD INFORMATION
 - » DISPATCH REQUIREMENTS
 - » CHANNEL FACILITY ASSIGNMENT (CFA) AND NETWORK CHANNEL / INTERFACE (NC/NCI) VERIFICATION (UNBUNDLED ELEMENTS)

ORDERING AND PROVISIONING

● RESALE

INTERFACE

AVAILABLE

- A MECHANICAL INTERFACE IS AVAILABLE TO CLECs FOR
CONVERSION ORDER REQUESTS NOW
- A FRONT END MECHANICAL INTERFACE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
CLECs FOR CONVERSION OF RESIDENTIAL AND MOST BUSINESS
ORDER REQUESTS (UP TO 30 LINES). SAME FRONT END SYSTEM
SWBT USES FOR ITS RETAIL CUSTOMERS 1-1-97
- AS THE FRONT END SYSTEM IS ENHANCED TO SUPPORT
SWBT BUSINESS RETAIL COMPLEX SERVICES, SWBT WILL
MAKE THOSE CAPABILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE CLECs AS NEGOTIATED

ORDERING AND PROVISIONING

● RESALE

INTERFACE

AVAILABLE

- IN THE INTERIM, COMPLEX REQUESTS WOULD BE ENTERED INTO SWBT'S SERVICE ORDER SYSTEM DIRECTLY BY SWBT PERSONNEL IN THE SAME TIME FRAME AND MANNER AS SWBT ENTERS ITS OWN COMPLEX BUSINESS RETAIL ORDERS. UPON REQUEST, SWBT WILL MAKE ITS SERVICE ORDER SYSTEM AVAILABLE TO CLECs NOW
- A MECHANICAL INTERFACE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CLECs FOR CHECKING THE STATUS OF SERVICE ORDERS 1-1-97
- FOR CLECs WHO PREFER AN ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) INTERFACE, SWBT IS MAKING EDI AVAILABLE FOR CONVERSION, DISCONNECT AND SUSPEND ORDER REQUESTS 1-1-97

ORDERING AND PROVISIONING

● RESALE

INTERFACE

AVAILABLE

- NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EDI INTERFACE
CAPABILITY FOR DIRECTORY LISTINGS, NEW CONNECTS,
CHANGE OF SERVICE, PARTIAL MIGRATIONS, AND COMPLEX
CONVERSIONS ARE BEING ESTABLISHED. SCHEDULES TO
BEGIN TESTING THESE FUNCTIONS ARE BEING FORMULATED
AS NEGOTIATED
- ALTHOUGH NATIONAL STANDARDS HAVE YET TO BE
CREATED, SWBT IS DEVELOPING AN EDI FORMATTED
INTERFACE TO ENABLE CLECs TO MECHANICALLY TRANSMIT
COMPLEX BUSINESS ORDER REQUESTS TO SWBT FOR
PROCESSING.
AS NEGOTIATED

ORDERING AND PROVISIONING

● UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS

- » MECHANICAL ORDERING REQUIREMENTS HAVE YET TO BE FULLY COMPLETED BY ANY NATIONAL STANDARD ORGANIZATION
- » SWBT IS DEVELOPING AN EDI INTERFACE TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS CLEC REQUESTS FOR UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS
- » THE INITIAL EDI CAPABILITY WILL SUPPORT CLEC REQUESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS AS DEFINED BY THE ORDERING AND BILLING FORUM (OBF) AND EDI COMMITTEE AS OF AUGUST 1996:
 - UNBUNDLED LOOPS
 - INTERIM NUMBER PORTABILITY
 - UNBUNDLED SWITCH PORTS

ORDERING AND PROVISIONING

UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS

SWBT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO CLECs THE FOLLOWING
CAPABILITIES FOR UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS:

INTERFACE

AVAILABLE

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| ● PROCESS EDI FORMATTED FILES MECHANICALLY
BASED ON AFOREMENTIONED AUGUST 96 OBF DEFINITIONS | AS NEGOTIATED |
| ● A MECHANICAL APPLICATION IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR
CLECs THAT DO NOT HAVE EDI GENERATION CAPABILITIES.
THIS INTERFACE WILL ENABLE CLECs TO CREATE AND SEND
ORDER REQUESTS TO SWBT ELECTRONICALLY. | AS NEGOTIATED |
| ● A MECHANICAL INTERFACE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CLECs FOR
CHECKING THE STATUS OF SERVICE ORDERS | 1-1-97 |

MAINTENANCE / REPAIR

- A CHOICE OF TWO MECHANICAL INTERFACES ARE **AVAILABLE TODAY** FOR CLECs TO SUBMIT AND CHECK THE STATUS OF TROUBLE REPORTS FOR EITHER **RESALE OR UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS**:
 - CLECs CAN ACCESS ONE INTERFACE VIA DIAL-UP OR PRIVATE LINE
 - » INTERFACE PROVIDES THE CAPABILITY TO INITIATE A MECHANIZED LOOP TEST FOR RESOLD POTS.
 - » INTERFACE WILL PROVIDE MAINTENANCE HISTORY CAPABILITY FOR RESOLD POTS BY 1-1-97
 - THE OTHER MECHANICAL INTERFACE IS A NATIONAL STANDARDIZED ELECTRONIC BONDING GATEWAY UTILIZED TODAY BY IXC_s

BILLING

- MECHANICAL INTERFACE AVAILABLE TODAY FOR **RESALE** CLECs TO RECEIVE BILLING INFORMATION
- A MECHANICAL BILL FORMAT FOR **UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS** WILL BE AVAILABLE AS NEGOTIATED

BILLING

- **MECHANICAL INTERFACE AVAILABLE TODAY TO CLECs FOR VIEWING BILLING INFORMATION OF RESALE OR UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS**
- **MECHANICAL DAILY FEED FOR USAGE / TOLL BILLABLE RECORDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CLECs BY 1-1-97 VIA NATIONAL STANDARD FORMAT FOR RESALE OR UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS**

SWBT OPERATIONS SUPPORT INTERFACES

- SUMMARY

- » SWBT WILL PROVIDE CLECs THE CAPABILITY TO ACCESS ITS OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FUNCTIONS IN A MANNER THAT WILL MEET AND OFTEN EXCEED THE NEEDS OF CLECs BY 1-1-97
- » SWBT WILL PROVIDE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FUNCTIONALITY TO CLECs FOR PRE-ORDERING, ORDERING, PROVISIONING, MAINTENANCE/REPAIR AND BILLING THAT SWBT PROVIDES ITS RETAIL CUSTOMERS
- » AS NATIONAL INDUSTRY INTERFACE STANDARDS ARE DEFINED AND APPROVED, SWBT WILL CONTINUE TO INCORPORATE THOSE STANDARDS INTO ITS OPERATIONS SUPPORT INTERFACES WITH CLECs